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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SU, US

SUBJECT: SAM OPTIONS FOR SUDAN

REF: KHARTOUM 0863

1. EMBASSY IS CORRECT IN ITS ASSUMPTION THAT USG WOULD NOT APPROVE SALE OF I-HAWK MISSILE TO SUDAN IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. A SAM AIR DEFENSE OPTION WAS CONSIDERED BY THE STATE/DEFENSESURVEY TEAM AND REJECTED AS BEING TOO COSTLY AND TOO COMPLEX FOR THE SUDANESE TO ABSORB AT THIS TIME. THIS OPTION ENVISAGED A SAM SYSTEM OF LESSER CAPABILITY THAN THE I-HAWK AS LATTER SYSTEM WOULD INTRODUCE AN UN-ACCEPTABLY HIGHER LEVEL OF MILITARY AND TECHNICAL SOPHISTICATION INTO THE REGION.

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2. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO US COMPANY APPROACHING GOS TO DETERMINE IF GOS AUTHORITIES HAVE ANY INTEREST IN PROGRAM TO UPGRADE SA-2 SYSTEM PRESENTLY IN PLACE. DISCUSSIONS COULD FOCUS ON DETERMINING SCOPE AND NATURE OF WORK INVOLVED, AND TYPES OF EQUIPMENT WHICH MIGHT BE REQUIRED BY PROGRAM. ONCE RAYTHEON HAS FULLER PICTURE OF WHAT PROGRAM WOULD ENTAIL, COMPANY SHOULD FILE

USUAL REQUEST WITH MUNITIONS CONTROL FOR ADVISORY OPINION
TO AUTHORIZE MORE DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH GOS. ULTIMATE
DECISION WOULD BE SUBJECT TO REGULAR MC REVIEW PROCESS.
YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WHILE WE MAY APPROVE A COMMERCIAL
REQUEST TO RESTORE MISSILES TO NORMAL OPERATING ORDER,
DEFENSE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE RESERVATIONS OVER AGREEING
TO UPGRADING THAT WOULD IMPROVE OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF
SYSTEM BEYOND ORIGINAL CAPABILITY. THIS IS A QUESTION
WHICH CAN BEST BE RESOLVED IN COURSE OF REVIEWING
RAYTHEON PROPOSAL.

3. REQUEST TEHRAN CONVEY SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE TO
RAYTHEON REP DAVID MCDOWELL. VANCE

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